

MINUTES OF THE SD WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION

**April 11, 2012 – 1:30 pm
Governor's Inn, Pierre, SD**

Lynn Deibert called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, April 11, 2012.

Members Present: Chairman Deibert, and Commissioners Ron Thyen, Floyd Muntefering, Dale Patterson, Department of Transportation representative Jason Humphrey and Commission Secretary Brenda Sievers.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dept. of Ag representative Kevin Fridley and SDSU representative Mike Moechnig.

Also present were those listed on Exhibit #1.

Ron Thyen made a motion to approve the agenda (Exhibit #2). Seconded by Dale Patterson. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Hearing Officer Ryan Darling from the Hearing Examiners Office to conduct a public rules hearing to add Oxeye Daisy to the locally noxious weeds or declared pest list.

Chairman Deibert read a letter from LaDonna Holm, former Commission Secretary, thanking the commission for their past support. LaDonna has taken a different position in Department of Agriculture with The Division of Resource, Conservation, and Forestry.

Chairman Deibert asked for any changes to the minutes of the February 22 meeting. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering to approve. Seconded by Dale Patterson. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert called for a vote for the approval of Oxeye Daisy to be added to the locally noxious weeds or declared pest list. A motion was made by Dale Patterson to adopt the rule change in 12:62:03:01:07, seconded by Jason Humphrey. Motion carried.

A short discussion was held on rules hearings being held every year for adding locally noxious weeds to the list. Kevin Fridley talked about how the rules hearing process works. Kevin suggested a committee look at how long the locally noxious weed list is getting. Dale Patterson would like the SDDA to report at the next meeting on any different way that the rules and adding weeds to the list could be done.

Activity Reports

Department of Agriculture

Darwin Kurtenbach reported that LaDonna Holm had left her position as Office Supervisor and Commission Secretary. Department Staff attended the Supervisor's Association Meeting held earlier in the day. Supervisors will be on the topic selection committee for the next Weed and Pest Conference. Ron Moehring reported on the Missouri River Watershed Coalition and the new android app that allows people to take pictures of weeds and send them in. MRWC will be meeting in Sturgis June 13 and 14. Other upcoming events are NAWMA October 29-November 1 in Branson, MO; and Purple Loosestrife Root Dig on April 17. There are weed supervisor changes coming in Lyman,

Lincoln and Charles Mix Counties. The weeds are already coming up. Booths will be set up at Ag Exchange in Pierre on June 28 & 29; Brown County Fair on August 13-19; DakotaFest on August 21-23; and at the South Dakota State Fair on August 30 through September 4.

Dale Anderson reported that staff had been hired for pest surveys. The gypsy moth program has been reduced due to federal budget cuts but he will probably continue nursery trapping. Other surveys include: Karnal bunt, corn and soybeans, and a bio-control survey on houndstongue, which will be headed by Mike Stenson. Dale is planning a new survey which we will be collecting bugs from filters in campground, city and other swimming pools.

Mike Stenson gave a report for Bruce Helbig, USDA-APHIS, on the projection of the grasshopper population for the year. They will be monitoring a site at Pine Ridge that had large numbers last year. Major reductions for APHIS funding may affect how much they will be able to do. Mike will be working with Meade County on their ULV grasshopper sprayer.

District Reports

Ron Thyen – District 1 – Ron reported that it is dry right now and there is getting to be a lot of insects

Floyd Muntefering – District 2 – Floyd reported that everyone is working and he thinks we are making progress

Lynn Deibert – District 3 – Lynn reported that there isn't any snow and kochia is starting to show up. Everyone is ready to go for planting and spraying. The Lake is down 10 to 12 feet from last year so Salt Cedar and Canada Thistle will be a concern this year.

Dale Patterson – District 4 – Dale reported that the biggest concerns right now in his area are Prairie Dogs and the Mountain Pine Beetle. The Pine Beetle spots look like small patches from the sky, but it is going to have a significant impact on the state, especially for tourism. He also mentioned Weatherbell.com as a website that does a good job for long range forecasting. They are currently predicting cooler and wetter weather for June into July.

Win Bauer – District at Large – Not present.

Department of Agriculture

Kevin Fridley reported that Secretary Marilyn Goff, in the pesticide licensing area, has taken another position and they just hired Jude Bumpous to fill that position. They are hoping to eventually go to an electronic computer based program to do the applicator licensing instead of the current system. LaDonna Holm has taken a position with Resource Conservation and Forestry. Brenda Sievers will be filling in as Commission Secretary. Most areas of the state are currently in need of moisture. Secretary Bones was in China and will be featured on Public TV.

Department of Transportation

Jason Humphrey reported that the Department saved \$8 million out of an \$18 million budget by not having to plow snow. They were late getting out the weed spraying contracts this spring. They are going to use Joint Powers Agreements with the Counties spraying the DOT ROWs instead of doing contracts. If there is interest from other individuals to do spraying in addition to the county, then they will do a bid process. If a total for spraying contract comes in over \$25000, then they will bid for that project. Counties will be notified if there is going to be a bid in an area. They just got direction from their Department Secretary on this. DOT is not planting Oxeye Daisy in their ROWs.

School & Public Lands

No one present.

Department of Game Fish & Parks

No one present.

SDSU

Mike Moechnig stated he is in the process of updating the color weed guides to add oxeye daisy. Mike and Darrell Deneke have been busy attending County Weed Annual Meetings. They have one more annual meeting to attend.

Association of County Commissioners

No one present.

New Business

Long Range Objectives and Annual Work Plan

Discussion was held on both documents. There was discussion on how SDSU field specialists should be referred to instead of the former Extension Educators. Mike Moechnig suggested that they be referred to Extension Field Specialists, leaving out the "Weed" so it would include other Specialists such as Agronomy as well. The Annual Tour Meeting was discussed. Darwin Kurtenbach stated that the tour would be in District 1 this year. Discussion was held on the need for a 2nd day for the meeting. A motion was made by Dale Patterson to accept both documents, changing the Annual Tour Dates to September 17, meeting at 1 pm until done; September 18, tour; September 19, no meeting; and changing "Extension Educators" to "Extension Field Specialists". Seconded by Jason Humphrey. Motion carried.

2012 Conference Update

Gary Pribyl gave a report on the conference and the survey that they handed out to find out what participants thought of the Conference. Complaints mostly centered around two conference speakers talking over participants' heads. The speakers who showed enthusiasm in their talks were well received. The 2013 Conference will be held in Huron on February 20, 21 & 22. Mitchell has new facilities and would be willing to host if we can have exhibitors in the meal room, like we had in Rapid City this year. Pierre was mentioned as a possible site since new facilities have been built, but with the legislative session in town during that time frame, rooms may still be hard to come by. In 2014, the Conference will move a week earlier due to the way the calendar for February falls.

Elections

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Gary Pribyl for elections. A motion was made by Ron Thyen and seconded by Jason Humphrey to nominate Lynn Deibert for Chairman. A motion was made by Jason Humphrey that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried, the Chairman will be Lynn Deibert.

Gary Pribyl turned the meeting back over to Chairman Deibert for Vice-Chairman elections. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering and seconded by Jason Humphrey to nominate Dale Patterson. A motion was made by Ron Thyen that nominations cease and unanimous ballot be cast. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried, the Vice-Chairman will be Dale Patterson.

Old Business

None presented.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Dale Patterson and seconded by Floyd Muntefering to pay the meeting expenses, salary and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)